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SUBJ: OPEC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE: COMMENTS OF ARRIVING MINISTERS
ON PRICE

1. HEADS OF DELEGATIONS TO OPEC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE BEGAN
ARRIVING IN DOHA DEC 13.

2. FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ON PRICE MADE TO QATAR NEWS AGENCY ON
ARRIVAL.

A. SADLI (INDONESIA) - PRICE SHOULD GO UP BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS
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FREEZE AND INFLATION SINCE TIME OF FREEZE. CONSIDERATION WILL

BE GIVEN TO IMPACT ON WORLD ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND NON-OIL PRODUCING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE "NOT FORTUNE TELLER" ABOUT MAGNITUDE OF INCREASE, BUT IT SHOULD BE "MODERATE, MODEST" INCREASE. STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF OPEC "SOLIDARITY AND BROTHERHOOD".

B. VARGAS - (ECUADOR) - PRICE INCREASE OF TEN TO FIFTEEN PERCENT PROBABLE. INDICATED GOE LEANING TO FIFTEEN PERCENT SIDE. REASON FOR INCREASE, EXPORT OF INFLATION IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

C. BOUTZIT (GABON) WAS CONFIDENT THAT CONFEREES COULD AGREE ON FIGURE FOR PRICE INCREASE.

D. OPEC SEC GEN FEYIDE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON PERCENT OF INCREASE, WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE DECIDED DURING CONFERENCE.
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